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Elks rematch retaliation

What goes around, comes around, and the Elk Point Elks senior hockey club wiped away the bad memories of their January 2 defeat at the hands of the Kitscoty Monarchs, as they soundly trounced the visitors 7 to 2 on Friday night when the Monarchs made their return visit. Story, Page 7

Vicki Brooker photo

Chamber of Commerce sets 2016 AGM date

Membership applications to be sent out in the near future

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce is getting set for a new year of activity, and has set Wednesday, Feb. 3 as the date of their 2016 Annual General Meeting. The benefits of a noon hour meeting versus a dinner meeting were discussed, but those present agreed that last year's noon AGM brought out at least as many members as were in attendance at evening AGMs in the past.

One major order of business at the AGM will be an addition to the chamber's bylaws, which will allow the chamber to borrow money. This bylaw has never been needed in the past, but is now required in order for the chamber to manage the debt remaining from the construction of the Visitor Information EcoCentre in a more effective manner.

In the meantime, the current executive was authorized to apply for the banking package that will best suit the chamber's requirements. All three local financial institutions have sent in proposals in answer to a request from the chamber, and these will be discussed at an upcoming executive meeting to decide which pro-

posal best suits the organization's needs and capability to pay off the amount owing in a timely fashion.

Once the financial arrangements are in place, the chamber will be ready to sign the lease with the town for the offices housing the FCSS department.

An audit committee will be appointed this week.

The AGM is also the time for election of a new executive for the coming year, and although the current executive have all agreed to let their names stand for another year on the board, they would welcome some competition for the positions they now hold. Anyone willing to serve on the executive is urged to attend the meeting and bring along someone to nominate them for the position they desire.

January also brings time for the annual membership campaign, and treasurer Geoff Hyslop, who is also chairs the chamber's Membership committee, said he will be sending out membership applications very shortly. Membership fees for 2016 were set at the 2015 AGM, and members will vote on the 2017 fees at this year's AGM.

President Jonny Nielsen reminded members that one advantage of chamber membership is the ability to be part of the Chamber of Commerce Insurance Plan,

which offers reasonably priced insurance plans for small business owners and their employees.

Tourism

Tourism was also on the agenda at the first meeting of the year, with Tourism committee chair Vicki Brooker getting the go-ahead to attend the Rural Tourism Conference in Camrose, with the attendance cost-shared with the Town of Elk Point.

The chairman was also authorized to submit the application on behalf of the chamber for federal summer employment grant funding.

Kevin Kisilevich of Go East of Edmonton tourist guide visited the meeting to outline the advantages for individual businesses, municipalities and chambers of commerce of being part of the publication, which has a wide distribution across Alberta. Communities advertising in the guide are invited to have input into contents and to submit photos, lists of upcoming events and not-to-be-missed attractions for inclusion in that community's section.

The chamber agreed to share sponsorship of a page in the guide with the town, to promote attractions and events in Elk Point and surrounding areas.



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Looking back at more of 2015: election landslide, 4-H achievements, graduations

April

April 2015 found the chamber of commerce and Town of Elk Point working on solutions that would benefit everyone in regards to reducing the debt on the Visitor Information EcoCentre, with the town willing to cosign the chamber's line of credit for another year.

Egg hunters, fueled by a huge pancake breakfast cooked up by the Elk Point Volunteer Firefighters, filled the fire hall with Easter fun as they scrambled to find the golden eggs that would earn them the major prizes in each age group.

Lakeland Industry and Community Association's Earth Day Birthday Party at F. G. Miller High School brought nature to the forefront, as young participants learned to identify wildlife tracks and calls, gain hands-on familiarity with animal pelts and take a close-up look at birds and animals they would only get a glimpse of in the wild, as well as learning ways to protect the environment.

As Premier Jim Prentice dropped the writ for the May 5 provincial election, Progressive Conservative candidate Darrell Younghans kicked his campaign into high gear, and said he felt the provincial budget, "one of those budgets that had to happen," was the top concern in voters' minds.



Provincial election candidates Darrell Younghans and David Hanson shook hands and came out campaigning.

Both Younghans and Wildrose candidate David Hanson visited town council early in the campaign to give their views on three questions posed by Mayor Parrish Tung, who asked about health care services, Municipal Sustainability Initiative funding and the viability of elected school and health boards.

The County of St. Paul passed a 'cautious' 2015 budget, with Reeve Steve Upham announcing the decision to "scale back" and to "be careful over the next couple of years because of the economy," focusing on maintenance rather than large projects.

Metelytsia Ukrainian Dance Club welcomed spring with leaps and bounds at their annual Spring Concert, the 32 members performing 20 numbers with style, grace and energy.

Elk Point's Interagency Health Committee dis-

cussed the role that Alberta Health Services' proposed regional health committees might play in eight to 10 'operational districts' that were yet to be formed. Diana Anderson, whose term on the Zone 5 Health Advisory Committee was about to expire, told the IHC that "nobody knows for sure" what that role might be... but it won't be like the old regional boards."

May

Three of four candidates contesting the Lac La Biche - St. Paul - Two Hills seat in the provincial election faced the electors at a forum in Elk Point, with NDP candidate Catherine Harder unable to join PC Darrell Younghans, Wildrose David Hanson and Green Party's Brian Deheer at the event.

RAY DANYLUK GYMNASIUM



Ray and Lorraine Danyluk were surrounded by their whole family of basketball enthusiasts at the dedication of the F. G. Miller High School gym.

F. G. Miller High School's showpiece gymnasium was dedicated to former MLA Ray Danyluk, a designation principal Colin Bjorkman called "a fitting way to recognize the efforts of one man who made this gym a reality." Danyluk coached the Elk Point Pacers, a team he had been part of in the beginning and for many years that followed, as they took on a beefed-up version of the FGM Crusaders in a brief exhibition game before the ceremonies.

David Hanson became the area's new MLA and part of the province's new 21-member Official Opposition, with Rachel Notley and her 52 fellow NDPs painting much of the province orange as they overthrew the 44-year-old Progressive Conservative dynasty.

The fourth annual 2nd Chance Trail Ride in support of organ and tissue transplant was the largest ever, with 261 participants and a packed crowd at Heinsburg Community Hall for the supper, silent and live auction that helped to raise a substantial amount of funds for this lifesaving and life-restoring cause.

Town council and their brand new CAO Ken Gwozdz studied the draft of their 2015 budget, after going through a financial analysis of the town's current situation, taking into consideration the Municipal Sustainability Initiative funding available, the cost of development options, increased taxes coming in as concessions expire and the financing options available.

The long-awaited renovations and modernization to Elk Point Co-op Food Store were finally complete, and were celebrated on what St. Paul and District Co-op general manager Graham Getz called "a day 10 years in the making," as store manager Mark Gormley snipped the big red ribbon to officially open the store.

Kailey Wirsta showed both Elk Point 4-H Beef Club's Grand and Supreme champions at the club's Victoria Day weekend Achievement Day, with Heidi

Tymko showing the Reserve Champion female and Roy Tymko the Reserve Champion steer. Kailey Wirsta went on to win the Herd Class at the St. Paul District Invitational Heifer Show in Goodridge.

June

The good news for Elk Point ratepayers was that the town's mill rate remained the same as 2014, and the bad news was that increased assessments might see some of them with an increased tax bill, with an almost 14 per cent increase in Alberta School Foundation Fund requisitions also added into the mix.

Roy Tymko of Elk Point 4-H Beef Club showed the reserve champion at the St. Paul District 4-H Show and Sale, where Taylor Dechaine of St. Lina showed the Grand Champion. Steers shown by Lexi Wirsta and Macey Ann Marcoux were also in the Parade of Champions at the show.

Classy classics brought out the crowds at Elk Point Auto Club's annual Show and Shine, where every decade between the 1920s and the present, except for the 1940s, was represented in the lineup, and a 1929 Model A Ford shown by John Parker of Bonnyville was voted the People's Choice.

The Town of Elk Point cracked down on untidy yards, with the bylaw officer or his designate touring every street and avenue and noting the addresses of properties that are not well kept, so property owners could be asked to comply with the town's bylaw.



Traditions were celebrated at Heinsburg Community School's graduation ceremonies, where grad Shayden Morin (shown above) honoured his fellow classmates with a grass dance, elders presented eagle feathers to the graduates and Kirsty Lindquist, who spent part of the school year at Heinsburg completing a project for her Master's degree in Native Studies, was the guest speaker.

Elk Point 4-H Multi Club showcased their projects at an outdoor Achievement Day, where Wolke Cueva showed the Grand Champion market lamb and Morgan Evans the Reserve Champion lamb.

F. G. Miller graduates celebrated 100 per cent success as their high school days drew to an end, with Alexis Bristow presenting the class message, Carson Tung giving the valedictory address and joining Brittany Ference to present the Crusader sword to Lee-Anna Gibson and Carson Ference of the Class of 2016.

Daniel Cardinal accepted the St. Paul Education Regional Division No. 1 Grade 6 Academic Award at Elk Point Elementary School's annual Awards Day, where he joined Wyatt Pavoll, Kobe Warawa, Casey Warawa, Kade Fontaine, Cash Capjack, Ethan Hampson, Colby Havener, Jager Fontaine and Liam Ludlage as recipients of the Grace Franks awards.

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NORTHEAST ALBERTA FOOD MARKETERS Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, January 20th, 2016
1:00 p.m.

Community Futures Boardroom
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

for Elk Point Golf & Country Club
Thur., January 21, 2016 at 7 p.m.
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Watershed showcased in 'Living in the Shed'

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The latest non-fiction work by former Elk Point author and historian Billie Milholland is hot off the press, and was delivered to Elk Point Municipal Library and the Elk Point Review last week by County of St. Paul Division 2 Coun. Dwight Dach, on behalf of the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance.

'Living in the Shed' is a large and colourful volume, filled with maps, photos both new and historic and information about plant, animal and human life in the vast territory encompassed by the North Saskatchewan watershed.

"This book is about the whole watershed, all the land that drains into the river from the Columbia Icefields to the Saskatchewan border," Dach explains. "Each of the 12 subwatersheds - Cline, Ram, Clearwater, Brazeau, Modeste, Strawberry, Sturgeon, Greater Edmonton, Beaverhill, White Earth, Frog and Vermilion - is featured in its own section"

Elk Point and St. Paul are in the Frog Subwatershed, which covers an area from northwest of Vilna to Lea Park, from west of Duvernay to Fishing Lake and Elizabeth Métis Settlements and from north of St. Vincent to south of Myrnam and a few miles north of Vermilion.

Dach says that in 'Living in the Shed,' "the notion of watershed manage-

ment is lightly introduced by describing the character of each subwatershed," with the photos, maps, illustrations and anecdotes about natural features, natural resources, and life in that area before, during and after the coming of the fur trade and settlement.

He explains that the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) is the Watershed Planning and Advisory Council (WPAC), tasked with initiating and encouraging watershed management in the North Saskatchewan watershed in Alberta.

"In 2005, it was appointed by the Government of Alberta to this position. The NSWA is a non-profit, multi-stakeholder watershed planning society formed in 1997 and incorporated in 2000. It provides a forum for sharing information about issues affecting the North Saskatchewan River watershed in Alberta. It also initiates and suggests activities that positively impact the watershed.

"Also, in 2003, under Water For Life, the NSWA was given a mandate by the government to prepare an integrated water management plan (IWMP). This plan provides watershed management advice to address issues raised to achieve the three goals of the Water For Life strategy: which are safe, secure drinking water, healthy aquatic ecosystems and reliable, quality water supplies for a sustainable economy."

Dach noted that there are seven

watersheds in Alberta: Lower and Upper Peace, Lower and Upper Athabasca, North Saskatchewan, Red Deer and South Saskatchewan, and seven main river systems: the Peace/Slave, Athabasca, Hay, North Saskatchewan, South Saskatchewan, Beaver and Milk.

"All these watersheds are striving to achieve similar goals."

In closing, Dach quoted Environment Canada: "If all the earth's water was stored in five-litre containers, available fresh water would not quite fill a teaspoon."



WATERSHED MOMENT - County of St. Paul Div. 2 Coun. Dwight Dach presented copies of Billie Milholland's 'Living in the Shed,' a comprehensive showcase of the North Saskatchewan watershed, a to Elk Point Municipal Library manager Daphne Schnurer and Elk Point Review editor Vicki Brooker.

Amy Bullock photo

Seniors, others would appreciate help with snow clearing

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Would anyone out there like to start off the New Year by doing a good deed for someone in the neighbourhood? You could get some great exercise and plenty of fresh air in the process.

You may have seen a few sidewalks that haven't been shoveled yet, within the 48-hour time frame prescribed by the Town bylaws. Many of these belong to people who would be happy to get out there and shovel, but are older, mobility impaired, or have small children they can't leave in the house alone while they go outdoors.

If the sidewalks aren't cleared, and the town public works crew or a hired contractor comes to do them, the cost would be added onto that property's tax bill, an amount that could certainly add up over the winter and make paying taxes even more difficult for those

with lower incomes.

The recently reorganized County of St. Paul and Town of Elk Point FCSS Department doesn't have a volunteer registry for tasks like this, but their office is getting calls from seniors who need this kind of assistance. If there is any chance that you could

spare a few minutes of your time to help out, feel free to call 780-724-3800 and see who needs some shoveling done. Or, if you know where a senior lives and their walk isn't cleaned, just call or drop by and offer your assistance.

Your efforts would be very much appreciated.



Submitted photo

DIGGING OUT - a group of 'Snow Angels' from St. Paul Alternate Education took time out from their studies to help clear away the fresh snowfall from homes in St. Paul. Elk Point could use some 'angels' like that, and anyone who would like to volunteer their time is invited to call the FCSS office.

Oilmen's Bonspiel delayed due to ice plant breakdown

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point's 33rd annual Oilmen's Bonspiel has not been cancelled, as was rumoured earlier this month, but will take place later than usual, due to major problems with the ice making plant at the Elk Point Curling Club.

A letter sent out by the organizing committee to potential teams advising them of the change in date and inviting them to participate said that the date had been changed from its original Jan. 28 to 30 time frame to Feb. 25 to 27.

The breakdown has also brought the 2015-16 curling season to a halt for the

time being.

Repairs to the plant are currently underway but no completion date has yet been announced for the curlers to get back out and practice their skills ready for the bonspiel.

Elk Point Oilmen's Association has been hosting their bonspiel each year since 1984, and were already deep in preparations for the 2016 event when the mechanical problems were discovered.

The bonspiel has a long history of being the largest event held at the Elk Point Curling Club each year, and in recent years, has become the only major bonspiel to be held in Elk Point.

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce

ANNUAL

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

12:00 Noon - Empress Banquet Room

Elk Point & Area Victim Services Society

Annual General Meeting

Thursday, February 4 at 6:30 pm
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EDITORIAL

Resolutions to keep

It's the time of year that many of us make resolutions, including some totally unachievable pie-in-the-sky intentions to "never do --- again" and to "always --- in the future."

Resolutions that are attainable and thus won't make you feel like an underachiever because you didn't keep them are much better than lofty and unattainable goals, and small steps can add up to major achievements in the long run.

Why not resolve to...

Recycle instead of throwing everything from this newspaper to your soda cans and water bottles in the trash. Bottles and cans can add up to a pile of change that you can use to take a friend to lunch.

Clean a closet - and send those things you never wear to someone who needs them much more than you do and who will appreciate having something new.

Do a good deed for someone every day - it worked for the Boy Scouts, so why not for you?

RECREATION CORNER

Big plans afoot for Family Day weekend

JENA COLBOURNE
Recreation Director

Some exciting news from the Rec Department this week, Bobs & Lolo are coming to Elk Point! If you have young ones, like I do, you probably recognize Bobs & Lolo from Treehouse and know all their catchy (kid and adult) friendly tunes. They're known for igniting Singing, Dancing and Playing! The duo will be at the Allied Arts Centre on February 12th. There is reserved seating available, which is perfect for the little ones to get the best seats in the house. Book early by calling Sharon at 780-645-9774 or pop in and see her at Elk Point Realty.

I took my little girls, aged four and two, to one of these shows before and they had a blast! It's so cute to watch them dance and sing along with the group and get in there with other kids to dance and sing. Really entertaining for me to see them enjoying themselves so much.

Family Day weekend is the next event being planned by the Rec Department. Along with Bobs & Lolo, on Family Day we are working on a fun charity hockey match; the Elk Point Emergency Forces vs. The Elk Point Minor Hockey All-Stars. Details are still in the works, but we also plan to use the day to celebrate and honour all those hard-workers who help fund and build the arena. Traditionally, the Town has held free public skating during the afternoon of Family Day, and that is still on the schedule, as well.

We will be holding our first Canada Day meeting of the year on Jan. 18th, if you have any suggestions for events, attractions, or features, please email me or visit us on Facebook. Some ideas for this year are to expand our children's events and attractions and bring in a venture's street walk. I think this will attract lots of people to our great community, showcase some of Elk Point's best and help grow the local economy!

Ideas are always welcome, and encouraged. Email recreation@elkpoint.ca

How to stick to those resolutions

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WAY BACK WHEN...

Longtime Lions, last elevator in town, beloved traditions

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1986

Elk Point and District Lions Club celebrated 15 years of service, with 10-year members Karl Heinemann and Johnny Oryschuk receiving their chevrons, however 15-year members John Williams and Lawrence Modin were unable to attend the celebration. Kristin Pamela Ballas, daughter of Pam and Randy Ballas, was Elk Point's New Year's baby, arriving at 4:23 a.m. on Jan. 9.

1991

New Year's baby Shannon Marie Paul and parents Brenda Paul and Ronald Fryingpan were presented with armloads of gifts from the Hospital Auxiliary and Order of the Royal Purple. Elk Point Pioneer Circle was hopeful that they could purchase the large building at the corner of Highway 41 and 51 Ave., for a very reasonable sum, to be used as their new seniors' centre.

1996

It was the end of an era, as United Grain Growers closed their doors Dec. 31 after serving the community for 68 years, and operated all three elevators after Alberta Wheat Pool built a new elevator west of town in 1983. Town council and the FCSS Board discussed the department's role and its future, in the wake of grant cuts and unpaid taxes, which decreased the town's income.

2001

Marvin Clutterbuck of Flint Construction Services visited the chamber of commerce to outline changes that came with the new year, with 11 Flint Energy Services member companies now operating under new names, with Reid's Welding becoming Flint Construction Services and operating out of the former

Reid's Welding location in Elk Point industrial park. County residents were advised that membership in any Northern Lights Library System library would now cost \$60, because the county was not an NLLS member municipality.

2006

Elk Point chamber of commerce gave a warm welcome to their newly appointed economic development officer, Ernie Isley, who said his role was to promote the town and try to get new endeavors underway.



Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club members and their families gathered at Armistice Hall for a traditional Christmas supper, followed by spirited dancing such as the Poltava, above, and a play that encompassed many seasonal traditions.

2011

Elk Point chamber of commerce started off the new year with excitement, learning at their first meeting of the year that TD Bank Group would sponsor the eco education room on the upper floor of the Visitor Information EcoCentre with a \$15,000 donation over three years. St. Paul Midget Canadiens, a team enriched with considerable Elk Point talent, came to town to take on the Vermilion Tigers.

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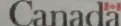
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Avalanche action update

It has been 20 days since the shortest day of the year on the 21st of December and you can see a difference in daylight already in the evenings, maybe not so much in the mornings though, its still plenty dark when I get up anyway! Every day is three minutes longer; three times 20 days is 60 minutes, at least it was when I went to school, and that is the length of a whole hockey game; and a solid 60 minutes effort, boys and girls, is what you need to win one!



doug
BASSETT
Review Sports

At times in the past the **Peewee Girls Storm** have been guilty of not playing a full 60 minutes, they would play well for about 40 minutes and then give up. Such was the case the last time they played the Lakeland Panthers, who took advantage of the Storm's lack of effort and showed no mercy, winning that one 9 to 0 just before the Christmas break. But this was not the case in this past Saturday's grudge match up in Cold Lake, The Storm, not forgetting their worst loss of the year, played a full 60 minutes Saturday afternoon and it's really not fair that they never were rewarded for their efforts with a win. The Storm hustled on the puck and caught the Lakeland Panthers completely off guard, out shooting them 18 to 4 in the first period, the final shots on goal I'm sure were two times as many as the Panthers; but the Storm was unable to raise the puck over the sprawling goalie who seemed to have a few horseshoes to boot too. Shooting top shelf, where mom keeps the cookies, is a skill the girls will be working on this next week at practice, I'm sure. Storm Troupier of the game Jace "Jack Hammer" Weidmark was doing a terrific job of shutting down the Panthers' offense any time they got into our zone. The "Jack Hammer" is a hard-nosed, grinder type; she's playing in her first year of organized hockey and always has a great work ethic; she's improved in her skating, stick handling and her shot. Jenna "Precious" Poiras was on fire too in this one right from the opening face off. "Precious" played one of her best games ever, fore checking,

back checking and winning face offs, she missed scoring one late in the game off a rebound of Avery "Whirlwind" Warawa, who getting the green light did a number of coast to coast rushes. Paula "Hollywood" Hladunewich, who I consider to have the best shot on the team, had a very strong game with some great rushes up the ice and hard shots on goal but was unable to buy one, her little sister, the persistent pesky Alayna "Hornet" Hladunewich doing some wonderful fore checking creating the turnovers. The Storm just needed to break the bubble and the Panthers would have been in a whole lot of trouble.

The little **Micro Novice Avalanche** traveled to Dewberry, the home of the world champion chuckwagon drivers, the Bensmiller family, on Saturday. Short about five players, the little guys had lots of ice time in this one, doing double shifts, they played one heck of a game losing 7 to 5. Braylee "Billy Bob" Lesyk with a hat trick, Riley "Coyote" Bourne with two. This coming Saturday the micro novice are hosting their home tournament with teams from Dewberry, Marwayne and two teams from St. Paul coming here. Come on down for a coffee and cheer the little future stars on.

On the other end of the minor hockey scale, the **Midget Avalanche** played in Bonnyville late Saturday afternoon, winning 8 to 3. A hat trick and an assist for the skillful shooter "Awesome Alex" Hunter, two goals and two assists for veteran "Dead Eye Dylan" Odaard, energized rookie Austin "Astro" Axley with a couple of goals and a helper, a single for "Tricky Nick" Tucker, rugged defenseman "Warrior Warren" Ference with two helpers, his cousin Cyle "Grinder" Graus with an assist, Team leader "Captain Crunch" Carson Ference sitting this one out with a knee injury. Hopefully he won't be out too long, the provincial round robins are just around the corner and the team really responds well to his leadership qualities.

The **Bantam Avalanche** continues to win, but also continues to lose players to injuries. Defenseman Bradley "Diesel" Canning returned to the lineup from a concussion on Saturday, taking another wicked head shot sending him right back on the injury list. Even still, the boys had no problem with the Saddle Lake Warriors who didn't put up much of a fight, the final 8 to 3. Spark plug Nick "Sparky" Anderson lighting it up



PEEWEE AVALANCHE'S Evan Ockerman fought hard to net a goal against Boyle in this great shot contributed by Candace Bendixen.

again these week with a hat trick and two assists, Wolke "Wolfman" Cueva sinking his fangs into their prey for two, Chase Dorey with a goal and an assist, "Hot Wheels" Hayden Ludlage hammering one home and adding an assist, the defensive core "Hank the Tank" Rogal and "Raging Paige" Henderson with a couple of assists each,

The flu season is upon us and the bug was going right through the **Atom No. 2** team this past weekend, but even though they played shorthanded it didn't really have much of an effect since they still managed to win both games fairly easily. On Saturday at home against Frog Lake, the final score was 10 to 3. "Mic Jager" Fontaine with seven goals, two goals for Cash "CC" Capjack, Nathaniel Cousins adding a single. On Sunday the Avalanche traveled to Boyle, winning 7 to 2. Another four for "Mic Jager", Landon "the Magnificent" Malachowski sending two into the twine. Sucking it up and playing sick as a dog, iron man "St. Nic" Penner with a single..

There was no contest on Saturday for the **Peewee Avalanche**, winning over Frog Lake 17 to 2, but on Sunday the boys had their hands full with Boyle, the Avalanche winning this barnburner 6 to 4. Billed as the game of the week this one turned out to be as good as advertised. The Avalanche coaching staff using all three lines and turning them over very quickly, they fired 60 shot in total on the Blazers goalie who almost single handedly won this one for his team, if not for the heroics at the end by "Lighting Liam" Ludlage who broke the tied game with only a minute and half left on the clock, his second of the game, Charlie "Angel" Rogal with one in the second period, adding an empty netter for insurance. A fantastic game for "King Cole" Bendixen who scored two beauties, The Avalanche's third line of Odin "the Wall" Smith, Matthew Quinney and Kobe "the Cobra" Warawa had some solid shifts fore checking,

back checking and keeping the number one line of the Blazers in check.

The **Atom No. 1** team traveled to Irma on Friday night winning big time 11 to 3. A tremendous effort by Rylee "Rocket" Warawa who scored one and received the hard hat for the Avalanche player of the game. A great game also for Vaughn "the Vulture" Ockerman who scored two goals, Wyatt Pavoll with some awesome fore-checking, "Bazooka Joe" Cardinal with a goal, "King Kong Konnor" Poiras with six goals, Sam Spiderman Rogal with one, defenseman Phoenix Quinney and Dean "the Machine" Ockerman with a couple of assists. Behind the mask goalie Vanden "Super Mario" Moroziuk was super guarding the fort.

The **Novice Avalanche** traveled to the perogy capital, Glendon, on Sunday, losing a nail biter 6 to 5 in the final minute., Kale "Ever Ready" Hoefing between the pipes was awesome, coming up with some huge saves. "Top Gunner" Crawford going top shelf with a goal and an assist, "Timmy Joe" Cardinal with a blistering shot buried one deep, the unstoppable "Cyclone Cole" Pierce and crafty Kaysen DeMoissac adding one each, Anna "the Banana" Henderson and "Bo Diddley" Fontaine with assists.

And how about our hometown hero, the Edmonton Oilers number 55, Mark "the Marksman" Letestu; is he playing great or what? Another highlight goal for him on Sunday night against Florida. The Junior A Pontiacs are retiring his sweater in Bonnyville in a ceremony on January 30th.

And now for the K A. Campbell quote of the week. "Champions aren't made in the gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them. A desire, a dream, a vision." Last week's answer to: "When you fear a foe, fear crushes your strength; and this weakness gives strength to your opponents." - William Shakespeare.

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OBITUARY ORYSHCHUK, Elsie



On December 31, 2015, Mrs. Elsie Oryshchuk of Elk Point passed away at the age of 72 years. She is survived by her loving husband of 55 years, Mike; loving mother, Helen Trach; sister, Florence (Orest) Drobot; 2 aunts, Jean Zarowny & Olga Demchuk; uncle, Walter Piotrowski; 3 sisters-in-law; numerous nieces & nephews. She was predeceased by her father, Mike; 2 brothers; 3 brothers-in-law. A Memorial Service was held on Thursday, January 7 at 1:00 p.m. at Allied Arts Centre, Elk Point. Pastor Kelly Sibley officiated. Cremation has taken place. If desired, donations may be made to Haying in the 30's (Cancer Support Society) c/o 5626 - 51 Street, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A1. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com

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The family of **Mary Porcina** wish to express their appreciation for the kindness and support given before, during and after Mary's passing, Heritage Lodge which provided the excellent meals and a home-like atmosphere and all the help from the caring Home Care Staff. Special Thanks to Dr. Oyeboode, Dr. Ramful and the Hospital Staff who gave extra special care. Thanks to Grace Gardens who do such an excellent, professional job. Thanks to Pastor Lee Patterson for delivering a heartfelt sermon, the Christian Community Choir who performed Mary's favorite hymns and to Paul Porcina who presented a beautiful Eulogy. Also thanks to the ladies at the Sr. Centre who provided an excellent lunch. Thanks to all who expressed their Love and Condolences with cards, donations, visits and just being there for us. **Vicki, Marshall, Doris and Families.**

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July

Elk Point celebrated Canada's 148th birthday under thick cloud cover and a smoky haze that failed to detract from the enjoyment of the long lineup of activities that began with the Friends of the Library pancake breakfast and ended 15 hours later with a glorious display of fireworks. The smoke had moved off, leaving clear blue skies that helped make the 53rd annual Stoney Lake Stampede a roar-

ing success, with a lineup of 311 competitors, plus a record crop of calf scramble participants and four teams of stoneboat racers who wound up the show with their hilarious attempts to saddle, harness and ride some most unwilling longhorn cows. The County of St. Paul took a step toward what it hoped would be a fix to the Moosehills Road slide, even though it came with a hefty price tag of almost \$100,000 for a revised assessment of the problem needed to

OBITUARY



GORUK, Carole (nee Carless)

July 12, 1954 - Coronation, AB
January 2, 2016 - Calgary, AB

Surrounded by her family at home, Carole Goruk peacefully passed away from the ongoing effects of ALS on January 2, 2016 at the age of 61.

Carole was born in Coronation Alberta on July 12, 1954 and was the eldest of the five children of Eileen and Edwin Carless. She grew up in Cessford and Red Deer, Alberta where she met and married her high school sweetheart, Bernie Goruk. Together they raised 4 children while living in various communities throughout Alberta, including Calgary, Drayton Valley, Elk Point, Edmonton and Slave Lake. Every summer there would be some time spent with family and friends at West Bay Beach Resort in Kelowna as well as travelling to Disney Land, Disney World, Hawaii, Paris, London, and Ukraine. She will be remembered for her debates with friends and family; glass of bubbly at social occasions; her massages (torture to some); playing the slot machines at the Casino and Las Vegas; and flashing a peace symbol. After helping Bernie obtain his engineering degree and getting all her kids in school, Carole decided to further her education and enrolled in Athabasca University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in History/Sociology and a minor in Psychology. After moving back to Calgary for the third time in 1996, Carole attended the University of Calgary and earned a Bachelor of Social Work Degree and a Master of Social Work degree. Soon after graduating with her Master's degree she accepted the position of Social Worker and District Attendance Officer with the Calgary Catholic Separate School Board. After joining the school board she enrolled in evening classes at Mount Royal College and obtained a certified mediator certificate and in her spare time became a Mediator for Alberta Justice as well as a Brief Conflict Intervention therapist for Alberta Family Justice. She also had a private practice providing marriage and family counselling. She was the "go to" person and confidante for various family members to give advice and discuss issues they may be having. She also believed in giving back, supporting various charities including her many children sponsored through World Vision. Through the years Carole also volunteered her time for various boards and committees in the communities she lived in as well as some charity work. Most recently Carole was a proud member of the Prairie Mountain Health Advisory Council for Alberta Health Services. On August 23, 2013 (Carole & Bernie's 38th wedding anniversary) Carole was diagnosed with Bulbar Onset ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis; Lou Gehrig's Disease). For Carole, the major impact on her quality of life from ALS was losing her ability to speak soon after diagnosis and the progression that made swallowing extremely difficult.

She is survived by her loving husband, Bernie and four children; Jared Goruk; Lisa Goruk (Corey Huff); Dana Goruk (Adam Barry); Jordan Goruk and one grandson, Hendrix Barry. She is also survived by her four siblings, Barb Carless, Diane (Merv) Strome, Eddy (Dianne) Carless and Susan (Rick) Pankiw as well as her mother and father in law, Katherine and George Goruk; Brothers in law; Dennis and Darrell Goruk and numerous nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by infant son Byron William Goruk and her mother Eileen Carless.

A Celebration of her life will be held at McINNIS & HOLLOWAY (Chapel of the Bells, 2720 Centre Street North) on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to the A.L.S. Society of Alberta & Northwest Territories (Lou Gehrig's Disease), Suite 250, 4723 - 1 Street S.W., Calgary, AB, T2G 4Y8, www.alsab.ca Condolences may be forwarded through www.mcinnisandholloway.com. Our special thanks to the ALS Society (Jane) and ALS Clinic (Sue) for all their help and support to Carole and the Family.

In living memory of Carole Goruk, a tree will be planted at Fish Creek Provincial Park by McINNIS & HOLLOWAY FUNERAL HOMES, Chapel of the Bells, 2720 CENTRE STREET NORTH, Telephone: 403-276-2296.



A FRIENDLY BEAR joins the Teddy Bears' Picnic at Fort George and Buckingham House.

develop remedial measures that would alleviate the problem.

OBITUARY

GARNER, Sylvia



It is with heartfelt sadness that the family of Sylvia Garner announces her passing on January 7, 2016 at the age of 83 years in Elk Point, AB. Sylvia was predeceased by her husband of 58 years, Gil Garner, in 2010. They farmed in southern Alberta for many years before moving to Elk Point in the 1970's, where they continued farming. She will be lovingly remembered by her 6 brothers, Jack (Mary), Gord (Kathy), York (Kathy), Gerry (Katy), Ray (Anny), Les (Christine); sister, Muriel (Bryan) & numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sister, June. Sylvia was surrounded by and cared for by many loving friends in Elk Point to whom the family is very grateful. The family also wishes to extend a thank you to Elk Point Healthcare Centre and Parkview Longterm Care.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. If desired, donations may be made to Salvation Army or Elk Point Healthcare Centre c/o 5626 - 51 Street, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A1. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

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The County of St. Paul and the Town of Elk Point decided to amalgamate their FCSS programs, in an effort to offer more services and make it more convenient for those accessing the services, while at the same time maximizing the potential use of provincial funding.

There were bears, berries and fun at Fort George and Buckingham House, where a sizeable crowd of youngsters enjoyed "berry picking" at the Fort George site before continuing on their way to the annual Teddy Bears' Picnic, where a large and friendly bear showed up right on cue for the stories and snack time.

It took two meetings, but town council put two borrowing bylaws in place that would enable them to re-finance short-term debt, cover the cost of the treated water storage and develop 14 more lots in the Centennial Subdivision.

Duane Zaraska, Region 2 vice-president of the Métis Nation of Alberta and a descendant of surveyor and mapmaker Peter Fidler, was chosen as the New Democratic Party candidate for the Lakeland riding in the October federal election.

August

Decisions were delayed on the town's Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) and federal gas tax funding for capital projects so that council could take into consideration a top-up in funding and the results of council's strategic planning sessions.

The County of St. Paul joined a number of other municipalities across the province in declaring a state of agricultural disaster, in an effort to make the provincial government aware of the dry conditions that were burdening producers.



Verona Lea Flanders and her granddaughter were both in the winners' circle at the Elk Point Horticulture and Craft Show.

Elk Point Agricultural Society Horticulture and Craft Show had a brand new grand aggregate winner, former fair board chairman Verona Lea Flanders, whose daughter and granddaughter were also section winners in the 2015 fair.

History was made at Ferguson Flats, where the community hosted its first-ever drive-in movie, that event one of a series hosted at small communities in the area by the County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS, with a giant inflatable screen and projector donated by St. Paul and District Co-op.

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- Ability to effectively schedule operational events
- Strong understanding and attitude toward safety
- Willingness to learn and adapt to new situations as required

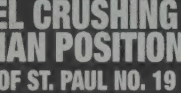
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Elks defeat Monarchs

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Review Staff

Elk Point Elks were successful Friday night in giving a little payback to the Kitscoty Monarchs for their Jan. 2 defeat, as they trounced the visitors 7 to 2 in a fast paced and action-packed game.

The Elks scored three goals in the first seven minutes and 20 seconds, Scott Ward scoring the first two with assists by Myles Whitford in both, Devin Moneta and Sean Joly. Joly also assisted on the third goal scored by Grayson Brown. A Kitscoty goal made it 3-1 after 20 minutes.

In the second period, the teams traded goals, Brown scoring his second, assisted by Terrance Janvier.

The Elks sealed the deal in the third period, when they scored a pair less than a minute apart, the first by Matthew Boulianne, assisted by Jason Kalynchuk, the second by Kris Koep, unassisted. They added a final goal just over four minutes later, captain Devin Moneta assisted by John Schmitt and Scott Ward too make the final score 7 to 2 in the Elks's favour.

No details were available to press time on Saturday's 7-6 loss to Dewberry Mustangs.

2015 review

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Jarret Quinney made it two Elk Point Oilmen's Golf Tournament championships in a row, edging out 2013 champion Sean Hill at the end of a long, cold and soggy day of golf that wrapped up

the 32nd annual event.

A rash of break-ins brought revived interest in the reorganization of the Citizens on Patrol (COPS) program in Elk Point, however there were still not enough volunteers willing to get on board to make the program workable.

It was one of the hottest noon hours

of the year, but that didn't stop a new and enthusiastic group of planners from getting an early start on planning for the 2015 Christmas Extravaganza, which would see the event move from Friday evening to Saturday afternoon and move up a week to Nov. 21.

September

Work on Phase 2A of the Centennial Subdivision was delayed for a month, which meant that water and sewer lines would be installed during the fall but completion of the work would wait for 2016. The delay would enable the town to pay only for the work completed in 2015, and defer the rest to the 2016 budget.

Staff leaving the site to return to school before Labour Day brought the season at Fort George and Buckingham House to an early halt, but not before visitors to the site enjoyed a new program where they had the opportunity to learn bushcraft skills that dated back to 1792, when the forts were a hub of the fur trade.

Elk Point Elks hosted the installation ceremonies for new District Six Deputy at their first meeting after the summer break, with representatives of three of the six lodges in the district on hand to see Past District Deputy Bernadette Godlein hand over the collar of office to her successor, Lawrence Pidluzny.

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce also got back to work, with concern for the future of Elk Point Health Care Centre, including an urgent need for roof repairs, at the top of the agenda.

Two handsome new dormitories, capable of accommodating a total of 80 campers, were dedicated at Whitney Lake United Church Camp, with a number of the businesses and organizations who donated to the project on hand for the ceremony.

A well-attended Grandparents' Day Walk supported the Elk Point Elementary School breakfast program as well as operation of the Elk Point Seniors Recreation Centre and the Handi Bus used to transport seniors and those with mobility problems throughout the year.

Northern Lights Library System celebrated 25 years of service to member libraries at the annual conference, with two days of informative sessions winding up with a gala banquet and an evening of excellent entertainment by the King Size Players.

A handsome new sign was erected along Highway 41, nine kilometers south of Elk Point on what was once the site of King George School, the largest school in the area, which served up to 70 students at a time during its 42 years of service.

October

Elk Point Elementary School ran and walked in memory of Terry Fox, with students Abby Rybchinsky and Jake Fontaine, teacher Debbie Wood and principal Rob MacDonald, all cancer survivors, leading the walk following a hushed tribute to Kayleigh Morin, who lost her valiant battle with the disease earlier in the year.

Concerns with recreational vehicles parked on streets and town property led

town council to plan an update and overhaul of the streets and sidewalks bylaw.

F. G. Miller High School won the St. Paul Athletics Association (SPAA) 2A banner for cross-country, and went on to place third at Provincials in Grande Prairie.

The chamber of commerce continued its endeavors to cut costs and save energy by replacing all the EcoCentre light bulbs with their LED counterparts. Excessive phone lines and multiple CAT 5 cables were also reduced in number, which would save the Town of Elk Point a considerable amount on those bills for the FCSS department.

The Liberal sweep that brought the party 184 seats in the federal election did not extend to the new Lakeland riding, where Conservative Shannon Stubbs held on to more than 70 per cent of the votes at the end of the longest election campaign in recent Canadian history.

The numerous groups that make up the R. O. C. K. (Reclaiming Our Complex Kids) Foundation had a huge success and a capacity crowd on their hands as they took over the operation of the Halloween Family Frolic.

November

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce, Elk Point Community Advisory Policing Committee and Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch offered a warm welcome to new RCMP Sgt. Barry LaRocque when he attended their meetings to gain insight into the community and area.

Dr. Drew Ramful was congratulated on 25 years of service to the community when Mayor Parrish Tung, Coun. Bernice Capjack and CAO Ken Gwozdz visited his office with a certificate of appreciation and a cake to share with his staff and patients, later visiting Dr. Ayobami Oyebode to thank him for 11 years of service as the community marked Family Doctor Week.

Elk Point paid tribute to the Armed Forces, both at local schools on Nov. 10 and at the Seniors' Recreation Centre and its neighboring cenotaph on Remembrance Day.

The new format and date for Remembrance Day started off the Christmas season in grand style, with a variety of activities for all ages and an early evening parade and fireworks display.

December

The change in Extravaganza date allowed F. G. Miller High School to expand their Craft Sale, Trade Show and Entertainment Extravaganza program, which also moved to an all-day-Saturday program that brought out huge crowds.

Elk Point Regional Allied Arts Society delighted audiences with a totally hilarious pre-Christmas dinner theatre series entitled "Don't Dress for Dinner."

Elk Point United Church focused on the reason for the season as they hosted the Interfaith Cantata, kicking off a week of entertainment that included a pair of standing-room-only Christmas concerts at Elk Point Elementary and the annual brunch at F. G. Miller High School before everyone went home for Christmas.

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